GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA

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Setting up of Mini/Micro Hydro Projects
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a): whether a policy has been formulated or proposed to be formulated to set up mini and micro hydro projects in Himalayan States in the country including Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and North-East;

(b): if so, the details thereof;

(c): whether the Union Government has set a target for skill development and promotion of entrepreneurship in non-conventional energy sector;

(d): if so, the details thereof;

(e): whether there is any proposal to ensure participation of the local people in such schemes; and

(f): if so, the details therof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER, COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b): Yes Madam. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has a policy for development of Small Hydro Power Station Csapacity Projects upto 25MW which is applicable to all states and UTs including Uttrakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and North East. The details of Central Financial Assistance provided under the scheme is annexed.

(c) & (d): The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), as part of its Human Resource Development Programme, is implementing Suryamitra Skill Development Programme to train 50000 persons by 31st March 2020 on installation, commissioning, operation, maintenance and repair of Solar Energy Systems / Devices /Projects. Under this programme through a network of 183 training Centres spread all across the country, 11013 persons have been trained by 31st March 2017.
In addition, MNRE also supports training programmes at various institutes across the country for all levels in construction, installation, maintenance, operation, system design of projects and policy etc. in all areas of renewable energy. A project for encouraging start-ups aim at entrepreneur development in renewable energy is supported by MNRE at Centre for Innovation, Incubation & entrepreneurship (CIIE), Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmadabad.

(e) & (f): As per the Small Hydro Power Scheme, any individual entrepreneur can set up watermills for mechanical and electrical applications and Micro Hydel Projects upto 100 kW capacity, which provide sustainable economic activity and employment opportunity through decentralized power and energy generation.

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